

SERVICES

- ❖ Individual Therapy
- ❖ Group Therapy
- ❖ Family Therapy
- ❖ Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- ❖ Socialization/Recreational Therapy
- ❖ Psychiatric Evaluation
- ❖ Medication Management
- ❖ Psychological Evaluation
- ❖ Case Management & Transition Planning
- ❖ Didactic Drug & Alcohol Group
- ❖ Conflict Resolution & Communication Groups
- ❖ Vocational Readiness Training
- ❖ Nutrition & Other Health Education
- ❖ Crisis Intervention with 24 hour support
- ❖ AfterCare Programming

STAFF

The program director is a licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Staffing consists of Master's level therapists, one recreation therapist, two mental health specialists, a Master's level AfterCare Coordinator and an office manager. Regularly graduate school students are assigned to an internship at the program, under the supervision of licensed staff.

The program also employs a Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist.

During the school year, three Harford County Public Schools

Home and Hospital Instruction teachers are assigned permanently to Teen Diversion to provide instruction in the major academic areas.

HOURS

Teen Diversion office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 – 4:30.

Program hours are 10:00 – 4:30 during the school year

and 9:30 – 3:00 during the summer months.

Evening hours may be available for family therapy or parent meetings.

HARFORD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



TEEN DIVERSION PROGRAM

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PURPOSE

Teen Diversion (TD) is a psychiatric rehabilitation day program operating under the auspices of the Harford County Health Department and housed within the Harford County Public Schools system. It is partially funded through a Federal Block Grant from the State of Maryland Mental Hygiene Administration and the Harford County Office of Mental Health.

Treatment is focused on diverting adolescents, ages thirteen through seventeen, from a more restrictive therapeutic or educational placement and reintegrating them back into the community. Adolescents typically participate in treatment for a minimum of twelve weeks.

Students attending the Teen Diversion program during school months receive their education on site through the Harford County Public Schools Home and Hospital Instruction.

REFERRAL PROCESS

All candidates for Teen Diversion must be referred in one of two ways: the Local Coordinating Council (LCC) or the Central-IEP team (C-IEP).

Prospective Teen Diversion candidates may be referred to the LCC by one or more of the following agencies: Harford County Public Schools, Harford County Health Department, Department of Juvenile Services, Department of Social Services, the Office on Mental Health/ Core Services Agency and others.

Referrals via the C-IEP team originate with the local IEP Team or Student Services Team.

An application and intake packet must be completed by the parent or guardian of any student referred to Teen Diversion. All applications will be reviewed for final determination of candidate appropriateness and acceptance into the Teen Diversion Program. At times there is a wait list for admission.

GENERAL ADMISSION CRITERIA

1. Adolescent must be a Harford County resident.
2. Must be 13 to 17 years old.
3. Must have documentation from LCC or C-IEP supporting the need for a Teen Diversion placement to:
 - a. Divert a residential treatment center placement
 - b. Divert a non-public educational placement
 - c. Eliminate repeated psychiatric hospitalizations
 - d. Divert placement in the Classroom Support Program
 - e. Complete an outpatient diagnostic assessment
 - f. Provide a step-down from a residential treatment placement.
4. Must be able to be safely maintained in the program.
5. Adolescent and parent/guardian must be willing to have psychiatric rehabilitation and treatment services coordinated by TD staff for the duration of placement at the Teen Diversion Program.

The Harford County Health Department's Teen Diversion Program, as a matter of policy, does not deny services to any person due to their inability to pay for services. Clients and families may be required to pay for the services received at Teen Diversion. A client's out of pocket responsibility will be determined based on documented family's gross income and size as applied to a sliding fee scale. The maximum daily fee for the program is \$120.00. The Harford County Health Department's Teen Diversion does not accept third-party private insurances; however, the Department will provide documentation necessary to assist families in their efforts to access out-of-network benefits. The Program will bill Medical Assistance for those eligible clients.

For more information or an application packet contact:

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